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Hi John and all in DFG,

Just recieved your mail asking for 5 comments on each package. We will list the comments below, but you wont be suprised that I will make my own first. In my opinion the CFC should pull the currently offered package out of the equasion and revert back to the original plan that existed before the shenanagins of the BRTF. Still reeling from that one, makes me wonder how the rest of the state is going to feel as they begin the "process" in their respective areas.

- #1) This whole process was driven by the wants of the SAT and even though they are not receiving funds for this effort tje RLFF awards almost all of them with grants for various projects as Dr. Dean Wendt just got \$400,000 from RLFF for a grant project this month. So there is truly bias toward the industry that will be most affected.
- #2) There was little or no thought given to the economies of the cities and towns affected by this process. Some will suffer disproportionally and severly.
- #3 The Packages as written are all much to restrictive to the commercial and sport fisheries and unnessary. If we are trying to protect stocks and current studies (John Stevens Cal Poly) seem to indicate there is no problem the need for restrictive measures just serve to impede commerce.
- #4) Pressure on the areas left for people to work and play in are so small with so much of the good area protected that overfishing will undoubtedly occur and guess who will get the blame. Yes when those areas are impacted we can just close more till it is as the environmentalists want all closed.
- #5) Anyone that is around the ports realizes that things have changed in the last many years. Now we are at the fork in the road where one way leads to re building the fisheries and doing so with good management and science as our building tools the other is a dead end road that will destroy the very fragile infrastructure that is left of a once thriving industry. One little push the wrong way will accomplish this. Lets hope we take the right road.

We will probably come back with more later these were just quick thoughts and there is volumes more.

Thanks Jeremiah MBCFO